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Dear Parent or Guardian

Statutory Consultation proposing a New Non-Denominational Primary School in South East Edinburgh and Catchment Changes for Existing Schools

I am writing to let you know that the statutory consultation on the *Proposal to Establish a New Non-Denominational Primary School and Implement Catchment Changes to Address School Capacity and Accommodation Pressures in South East Edinburgh* commences today, Monday 16 January 2017, and will run until Friday 3 March 2017.

The proposal in the statutory consultation paper directly affects Gilmerton Primary School, Gracemount Primary School, Liberton High School and Gracemount High School. There is also a very minor catchment change affecting Liberton Primary School and, while they may not be directly affected by the proposals, we think it is important that the school communities of St Catherine's RC Primary School, St John Vianney RC Primary School, Prestonfield Primary School and Craighour Park Primary School be aware of the proposals being put forward.

A detailed summary of the proposals is provided in the attached document including maps illustrating the catchment changes and lists of addresses falling into the areas affected by the catchment change proposals. The proposals do not require that any existing pupils move to a different school and the proposed schedule means that the catchment changes would not be implemented until November 2019.

Further information including the full statutory consultation paper, background papers and an online questionnaire are available at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/newsoutheastsschool. Copies of the statutory consultation paper are also available for inspection at the Council Offices at Waverley Court, at Gilmerton Library and at the schools directly and indirectly affected by the proposals.

Two public meetings will be held in respect of the proposals at the venues, dates and times listed below:

Venue	Date	Time
Gilmerton Primary School	Tuesday, 31 January 2017	6.30pm - 8.30pm
Gracemount Primary School	Thursday, 9 February 2017	6.30pm - 8.30pm

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During the consultation period, any views on this proposal should be sent in writing to the address on this letter or by e-mail to new.southeastsschool@edinburgh.gov.uk. All views, whether by letter, e-mail or using the online questionnaire should arrive by 5pm on Friday 3 March 2017.

Following the conclusion of the consultation period a report on the Outcomes of the Consultation will be presented to the Council in June 2017 and the report will be made publicly available three weeks before the Council meeting. Further details of this process are contained in the full statutory consultation paper.

The proposals set out in the statutory consultation paper will have different implications for local schools and I would encourage you to get involved in the consultation process so that the views of all stakeholders can be fully represented in the Outcomes of the Consultation report to Council in June 2017.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alistair Gaw'.

Alistair Gaw
Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families